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REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OF DANBURY,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1867.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in the treasury, reported February 28, 1866,	\$350.99
Received of Moses Bartlett,	200.00
George A. Sanborn,	400.00
Ladies' Union Benevolent Association,	117.39
Jonathan Sleeper,	155.00
T. E. Clough, guardian,	870.18
John Ford,	225.00
Israel Dow,	275.00
Mrs. Nancy Pillsbury,	700.00
J. S. Roby,	75.00
Samuel Thompson,	150.00
William D. Crockett,	500.00
Mrs. Mary A. Crockett,	300.00
Mrs. Mary A. Butrick,	65.00
Charles W. Butrick,	40.00
Nathan Butrick,	50.00
William A. Walker,	100.00
George P. Titcomb,	150.00
I. J. Norris,	1,450.00
George Cole,	1,000.00
L. T. Barney,	175.00
J. A. Butrick,	160.00
A. D. Caswell,	100.00
Sewell Dickinson,	175.00
Mrs. Harriet West,	500.00
Horace Webster,	750.00
Miss Clara R. Clay,	500.00
H. W. Flanders,	113.00
W. R. Barney,	50.00
Mrs. Julia Betten,	350.00
Mrs. Lavina Jewett,	356.00
John Pillsbury,	60.71
J. T. G. Eastman,	200.00
George A. Waldron,	100.00

Received of David M. Sewell,	\$60.00
T. E. Clough,	171.38
Parsonage Fund,	77.50
T. E. Clough, cemetery committee,	15.00
County—pauper bills,	769.31
State—on sale of State note,	976.65
“ Savings Bank tax,	52.50
“ Railroad tax,	367.12
“ Literary Fund,	34.50
“ Soldiers' Aid,	229.20
Town Hall agent,	6.00
Literary Fund interest,	4.57
Parsonage “	24.16
H. C. Norris, collector, 1864,	12.00
L. M. Bean, “ 1865,	1,105.00
Edwin Litchfield, “ 1866,	4,980.00
Abatement of taxes, 1864,	30.41
“ “ 1865,	20.48
“ “ 1866,	82.54

\$19,781.59

Received State tax,	1,575.00
“ County tax,	585.82
“ School tax,	490.99
“ School-House tax,	5.17

\$2,656.98

Whole amount of receipts, \$22,438.57

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid State tax,	\$1,500.75
county tax,	585.82
school tax,	490.99
school-house tax,	5.17

\$2,656.98

Paid Literary Fund,	403.05
Parsonage Fund,	20.30

\$423.35

County Paupers.

Paid for support of Mrs. Fowler and family,	\$60.41
Levi Smith,	113.27
John H. Guy,	231.69
Peter Bronzethe,	13.00
Thomas Field,	71.08
Polly Pierce,	16.85
transient paupers,	15.12
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	\$521.42

Town Paupers.

Paid for support of John Peters and family,	\$145.23
Miss P. Smith,	46.00
A. C. Smith, House of Reformation,	18.85
Micajah Danforth,	78.25
Nathaniel Whittier,	192.00
Lucian C. Taylor,	42.91
Edwin Clark,	5.57
medical attendance, Blackman family,	39.00
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	\$567.81

Highways.

Paid for repairing Bog bridge,	\$40.12
Gove “	12.00
Eastman “	26.42
Bartlett “	28.44
Littlefield road,	5.00
Ford road,	53.88
roads and bridges, various items,	28.94
bridge plank,	90.66
breaking roads,	2.00
watering places,	4.00
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	\$291.46
Paid Clark Barney, land damage,	75.00
for building Webster road,	67.00
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	142.00

Miscellaneous Items.

Paid William T. Norris, counsel fees on Ford road,	10.00
J. T. Smith, damage by dogs,	15.00
W. T. Norris, collecting Reed note,	1.75
for insuring town-house,	48.00
A. Little, damage on carriage,	20.00
labor on cemetery,	113.81
P. G. Sargent, damage on carriage,	10.00
J. T. Smith, personal damage,	25.00
Edwin Litchfield, damage on sleigh,	4.00
John I. Cram, damage on horse,	2.00
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	\$249.56

Current Expenses.

Paid Edwin Litchfield, for services as selectman,	\$9.00
W. T. Norris " "	13.00
John C. Webster " " and	
overseer of the poor,	84.75
Daniel B. Bartlett, do.,	65.00
John A. Butrick, do.,	52.00
Edwin Litchfield, collector,	50.00
Miron J. Haseltine, for services as superintending,	
school committee,	33.00
John C. Webster, for services as town treasurer,	25.00
T. E. Clough " town-clerk,	12.00
town-house agent, for wood and lights,	4.40
for books, stationery, stamps, and various items,	25.55
horse hire, car fare, expenses, and various items,	34.05
wood for town hall,	7.50
for printing town papers,	32.00
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	\$447.25

Abatements.

Paid by abatement of taxes for 1864,	\$30.41
" " 1865,	20.48
" " 1866,	82.54
I. H. Bailey, for over assessment,	7.89
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	\$141.32

Old Claims.

Paid Daniel W. Flanders,	\$1,167.87
H. S. Jones,	86.55
C. B. Jones,	85.89
Samuel Adams,	105.50
G. A. Waldron,	315.60
Abigail Flanders,	43.93
Ladies' Union Benevolent Association,	35.80
Ira Barney, 2d,	315.60
C. A. Flanders,	316.95
Baptist Society trustees,	60.00
Congregational Society trustees,	60.00
Mary A. Goodhue,	18.54
W. H. Hodgdon,	83.42
Moses F. Brown,	1,735.65
Francis P. Chase,	5,658.26
Clara R. Clay,	62.31
William N. Burley's estate,	50.00
Henry W. Flanders,	105.83
Amanda Sanborn,	184.33
Lovina Smith,	80.44
S. C. Follansbee,	220.69
John Pillsbury,	60.71
Mary A. Gale, guardian,	94.45
Jeremiah Fisk,	143.72
John Proctor,	1,806.32
Moses Barney,	150.36
J. A. Sanborn,	1,073.95
T. E. Clough,	361.56
Mary O. Frazier,	17.00
John P. Bean,	428.31
Wells Currier,	177.80
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	\$15,107.34

New Claims.

Paid Samuel Thompson,	\$152.10
George P. Titcomb,	152.10
John Ford,	235.95
Horace Webster,	150.00
Harriet West,	512.50
A. D. Caswell,	102.51
J. C. Webster, parsonage money,	77.50
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	\$1,382.66

Recapitulation.

Whole amount received :

Money hired,	\$11,412.97
Received of State,	683.32
on State note,	976.65
by miscellaneous items,	127.23
of collectors,	6,097.00
on abatements,	133.43
cash in treasury, as reported, 1866,	350.99
State, County, and school taxes,	2,656.98
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	\$22,438.57

Whole Amount disbursed.

Paid State, County, and school taxes,	\$2,656.98
Literary and Parsonage fund,	423.35
county paupers,	521.42
town paupers,	567.81
highways,	433.46
Miscellaneous,	249.56
current expenses,	447.25
abatements,	141.32
old claims,	15,107.34
new claims,	1,382.66
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	\$21,931.15
Cash in the treasury,	507.42
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	\$22,438.57

Outstanding Debts.

Due John C. Frazier,	\$244.73
John Pillsbury,	212.78
Noah Youngman,	339.09
Nancy Pillsbury,	1,400.89
M. Perkins,	125.04
George Cole,	2,014.75
John Frazier,	934.28
David Sleeper,	327.86
Emmons Heiss,	2,367.77
T. E. Clough,	1,381.19
Miss L. Currier,	241.17
J. S. Robey,	198.83

Due Melvin Kilton,	\$241.28
Andrew Sleeper,	983.15
Miss A. W. Sargent,	63.72
Mrs. Polly Ford,	349.60
Archibald Ford,	591.68
W. N. Barclay's estate,	243.81
David Clay,	58.25
O. H. Patten,	1,950.36
Mrs. M. A. Goodhue,	155.56
" Mary Barclay,	139.45
" Hannah Walker,	113.26
Miss H. L. Walker,	174.43
Richard Hutchinson,	228.09
Jonathan Sleeper,	218.58
Mrs. M. Knowlton,	108.22
Miss M. O. Frazier,	1,100.92
Baptist Society trustees,	1,048.00
Congregational Society trustees,	1,048.00
Samuel Sulloway,	117.97
Sewell Cole,	224.72
Nancy H. Hovey,	329.19
Daniel W. Flanders,	1,090.80
John Huntoon's estate,	130.03
Ladies' Benevolent Association,	123.49
Israel Dow,	288.42
William D. Crockett,	511.18
Mrs. Mary A. Crockett,	302.88
" Mary A. Butrick,	67.66
C. W. Butrick,	41.56
N. Butrick,	51.94
W. A. Walker,	103.76
I. J. Norris,	1,490.48
L. T. Barney,	179.66
J. A. Butrick,	163.14
Sewell Dickenson,	179.46
Horace Webster,	625.12
Mrs. Clara R. Clay,	511.58
Henry W. Flanders,	115.44
W. R. Barney,	51.08
Julia Betton,	357.35
Lovina Jewett,	363.23
J. T. G. Eastman,	203.36
George A. Waldron,	101.01

Due D. M. Sewell,	\$60.26
Moses Bartlett,	211.20
George A. Sanborn,	422.06
School money,	28.86
Literary Fund,	68.02
Parsonage Fund,	19.79

\$27,139.44

Outstanding Credits.

Due from H. C. Norris, collector for 1864,	\$139.75
L. M. Bean, " 1865,	234.47
Edwin Litchfield, " 1866,	363.47
county pauper bills,	521.42

\$1,259.11

Whole amount of debts outstanding,	\$27,139.44
Deducting credits,	1,259.11

\$25,880.33

Deducting cash in treasury,	507.42
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Whole amount of indebtedness of the town, Feb. 28, 1867, above avail- able assets,	\$25,372.91
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*Included in the foregoing Disbursements, and not reported as
due from the Town in 1866.*

Mary A. Gale, note,	\$94.45
Ford notes, held by M. T. Brown,	231.84
Cemetery expenses,	113.81

\$440.10

Reduced the indebtedness of the town,	\$1,981.12
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JOHN C. WEBSTER, } *Selectmen*
D. B. BARTLETT, } *of*
JOHN A. BUTRICK, } *Danbury.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing
account, and found the same correctly cast and well vouched.

M. L. TAYLOR, }
JAS. S. KNOWLTON, } *Auditors.*
GEORGE W. DEAN, }

March 5, 1867.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Read again my last report of this school, and emphasize it. With true fidelity to the public interests, the same teacher was secured for both terms, and the good results are apparent. "Miron's Prize;" "for regularity of attendance, propriety of deportment, respect and obedience to the teacher, and attention to, and progress in study," was awarded to John T. Pulsifer—Miss Jennie S. Danforth ranking second. In composition and penmanship (Shader, No. 5), Miss D. stood first in town. Lorenzo M. Heath, second in penmanship. Clinton Litchfield, Arthur H. Taylor, Geo. W. Peters, Elbridge A., and Charles A. Wells, ranked so nearly equal to the above, that three gratuitous prizes (Worcester's School Dictionary) were, at the liberal suggestion of Mr. L. M. Jackson, raised by subscription, and distributed by lots. The teacher says: "My last term has been pleasanter to me than any other of the four I have taught here. I endeavored to have no point left until it was mastered. In the summer term Jennie S. Danforth, and in the winter, she, with Clinton Litchfield and Elbridge A. Wells, did not miss a single word in spelling." A record worthy of emulation. Who will equal it next year?

DISTRICT NO. 2.

I had the pleasure of seeing this school, especially at the first examination, more completely represented than last year; and can clearly and fully testify to its excellence. I think it was not quite so much broken up by absences as last year. With the quiet, clear and systematic examination on fundamental principles, I was much gratified. Good progress was amply proved. Beyond providing an excellent teacher, the committee did not second my efforts for the school.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

To be reported as last year :—"no school."

DISTRICT NO. 4.

The summer term well illustrated the old saying that, "there is no trouble unless you make it." What could have induced some members of this district to try to destroy the good of the school by thwarting the labors and counteracting the influence of an earnest, conscientious teacher, was never very apparent; whatever it was, it was wholly exterior to the school room. The success of the school was far greater than could have been expected. She says:—"Thoroughness has been my aim; a little, and that well."

In the winter an excellent, clear-headed, self-possessed and experienced teacher kept a capital school—as, indeed, he would have no other. Neither to be frightened nor driven, no one, apparently, thought it worth while to attempt to dictate to him. He needs an additional infusion of enthusiasm. Speaking of the lack of co-operation of parents, he says:—"Here is a great fault. Not one have I seen in the school-room. Why is it? Have they not an interest in their children? If so, how much better that they manifested it." Very suggestive. They are all *au-fait* in calves and lambs, pigs, colts and mowing-machines, but their children—I leave the application. Alma A. Knowlton would have won "Miron's prize" (next year), and Plooma A. Messer and Dexter J. Perkins stand conspicuously forward as excellent scholars. I had no support from the Prudential Committee.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

This small school had laborious and earnest teachers, and is becoming a more interesting field of labor than for some years past. The pupils are obedient and willing, the district without feuds, and interested in its school, and superior progress has been attained.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

This is now, as it always should have been, the first school in town in rank. The same careful and judicious committee as last year, secured the same model teacher both terms; and the result is as I have stated. Our County Commissioner, with just discernment, happily complimented this school as "having no hobbies—all important branches receiving their just measure of attention in turn." A most honorable eulogium. "Miron's prize" was awarded to Albert W. Perkins, Miss Lenity Braley taking 2d honors, and prize given by the teacher. The following five pupils, also, by the liberality and interest of the teacher, were publicly honored with prizes, as not having been

absent a single day, during the long winter term :—Mary and Maggie Sheehan, M. Ella Gale, Warren Taylor and Frank S. Knowlton. The teacher says :—“The scholars have shown an unusual interest in their studies. Five have not been absent a single day ; and I had sixteen pupils with an aggregate absence of less than five days, which, for a district school, is quite remarkable. This, with the desire for improvement, the kindness and love of most of my pupils, has rendered the term very pleasant.” Can the annals of our schools show an equal record? May it be the stepping stone to even greater excellence. One young gentleman enthusiastically told me, of course figuratively, that he never went to school till he came here.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Another school in which my earnest interested subordinate committee showed his appreciation of his responsibilities by securing the same veteran teacher for both terms. It is not invidious toward any one to say that, in securing attention and interest from a flock of little ones, her equal is rarely to be found. However, under her judicious guidance, these little ones are rapidly arriving at the *status* of interesting scholars. I have reason to believe that the discipline of the school was ably maintained. Another year this school should class with No. 4 in having prizes proposed to enhance and bring out to greater perfection its good qualities. In the matter of interesting and useful information, aside from the mere routine of the text books, I place this school at the head of the town for the past year ; though all my teachers, and several with very marked success, have put forth honorable efforts in this so commendable direction.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

An excellent school in the summer, by a teacher who would and could keep no other. Interest and progress were apparent at every step. She says :—“I am sorry to leave such a record of tardy, dismissal, and absence marks. If parents would manifest more care in this matter, and interest in the school, nothing would be lost, but much gained.”

As to the winter school—well ! you cut the head from a carcase, throw it aside, and in the course of nature the limbs will rot away. The attempt to palm the disasters of this school off upon the teacher was, happily, as futile as it was wicked. The ruffianism commenced before the teacher came into the district at all ; and I yet fail to see any logical connection between a ruffianly attempt to break up the school, a criminal

burglary at night at the school-house, and a demand to "expel the teacher." No personal application—only to the guilty; and on these I hope the criminal code may yet visit its terrors. *Fiat justitia.* I compliment the teacher on her courage, constancy and good temper under the trying circumstances. The town should pass a vote of thanks to Isaiah Langley for the comfortable room freely provided for the school. By my subordinate and the bulk of the district I am firmly sustained.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Decidedly the most rising young school in town. It was most faithfully taught by two excellent teachers. The committee interested himself earnestly in the school, and efficiently joined me in promptly securing the adoption of all the prescribed books. The progress was really remarkable. I may add, though not strictly within the limits of my official cognizance, that I regret the partial rupture of a mutual free exchange of scholarships with the neighboring district in Wilmot. In such small schools I can not conceive that any one is injured by such exchanges, but that many may be benefited.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Only one very brief term, with very few scholars. Little could have been expected, but much more than a little was creditably accomplished.

GENERAL REMARKS.

It is no less a pleasure than a duty to report the condition of our schools for the year now closing. The success of our educational efforts is greatly attributable to last year's very liberal appropriations. This has already produced abundant good, with ample promise for the future. Viewing these advancements of the best earthly good of our youth, no man can be so sordid as to aver he grudges those additional dollars. I bespeak their continuance. We are poor; but, thank Heaven, we are so poor as to be unable to neglect the education of our children.

Another source of prosperity is the displacement of our *effète* text-books, and the introduction of fresh, live, timely ones. Last year I recommended a list; this year I prescribed them, as provided by the following law: "The Superintending School Committee shall determine and direct the class-book to be used in the district schools of the town, and the parents, masters, or guardians of the scholars attending such schools, shall supply scholars with the books so directed to be used."

Arithmetic, Quackenbos', or Greenleaf's series; Geography, Cornell's series; Grammar, Smith's New, for beginners, Quackenbos' for advanced classes; History, Quackenbos' U. S.; Composition, Quackenbos' First Lessons; Reading, Hillard's series (well nigh perfect); Spelling, Worcester's series; Writing, The Spencerian, or Shader's; Dictionary, our Standard American Series, Dr. Worcester. These admirable books are now almost uniform.

Another cause of gratulation is the increased interest in the schools shown by the parents and friends of education, as is proved by the largely increased lists of visitors on the registers. A system of prizes, actual and honorary, has been inaugurated, which has produced much healthy emulation, extending even to the teachers, and judiciously managed, may be expected to produce better and greater fruits in the future. The principal ones were the very appropriate School Edition of Worcester's Dictionary. The superior regularity of attendance of pupils must be named with especial commendation. I pointedly approve of the practice of rendering the school-rooms pleasant for examination, by ornaments and mottoes, as Nos. 1 and 9.

Another point gained is the greatly improved zeal and co-operation of the Prudential Committees. Nos. 2 and 4 are the only ones pointedly deficient; most of the others are especially praiseworthy. There is a really remarkable improvement in the keeping of the registers, as a body. There is but one I should not be willing to show as a model; that is but little behind, and I will not particularize. The propriety, force, and earnestness of many of the teachers' "Remarks," are especially to be commended.

In studies, Arithmetic and Reading have fairly held their former rate of advancement; while Grammar, Spelling, Geography and Writing, in all of which I have made especial exertion, and in some been to much personal expense, a very pronounced impetus has happily been given. That this forward tendency may be increased and perpetuated is my earnest wish. But for these efforts and expense the schools would stagnate in stereotyped routine. "Let them stagnate, then," said a prominent citizen; but I dissented.

I should do violence to my sense of honor did I fail to acknowledge thankfully the cheering expressions of approval from so many of my teachers, of my efforts to promote their personal success, and the prosperity of their schools. If there be a young person who needs sympathy, and encouragement, and support, firmly against every aggressor, that person is the teacher in our common schools. The success of our schools

will be much in proportion to the exhibition of these sentiments, backed by corresponding action, more than by lengthened terms or multiplied dollars.

I have had some extremely pleasant and profitable interchanges of courtesies and official visits with the committee of Grafton, Mr. George W. Frazier, and such community of interest, interchange of views, comparison of books, discipline, methods of examination of teachers, and instruction in school, may be expected to be mutually beneficial.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MIRON J. HAZELTINE,
Superintending School Committee for town of Danbury.

STATISTICS.

Term.	Number of district.	Name of Teacher.	Prudential Committee.	No. of scholars.	No. weeks school.	No. between 4 and 14 not attending.	No. over 16 attending.	No. with high school studies.	Pay of teacher per month.
First Term.	1..	Kate A. Jackson.....	Frank W. Flanders*...	20	10	2	1	...	\$16 00
	2..	H. L. M. Clark.....	J. G. Knowlton	12	14	...	5	...	16 00
	3..	† .....	† .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
	4..	Fannie J. Peverly.....	W. H. H. Huntoon....	15	7	...	1	...	16 48
	5..	Mary E. Pulsifer.....	Horace Webster	10	8	...	...	...	14 00
	6..	Nellie M. Washburn..	Cummings Hubbard ..	33	12	3	...	...	18 00
	7..	Addie H. Sargeant....	Jacob D. Morrison....	27	8	2	...	...	15 00
	8..	Mary Frazier.....	David Bean.....	12	6	4	2	...	14 00
	9..	Ervilla S. Barney.....	Joseph Webster	14	11	...	...	...	12 00
	10..	Loretta S. Currier....	Isaac Jones.....	9	6	1	...	...	11 00
Second Term.	1..	Kate A. Jackson.....	Frank W. Flanders*...	28	14	...	10	6	16 80
	2..	†	J. G. Knowlton.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3..	† .....	† .....	...	...	...	...	...	...
	4..	Luther M. Jackson. . .	W. H. H. Huntoon....	21	12 ³	...	5	3	24 00
	5..	Ervilla S. Barney.....	Horace Webster	11	13	2	1	...	18 00
	6..	Nellie M. Washburn..	Cummings Hubbard ..	38	16	2	5	4	24 00
	7..	Addie H. Sargeant....	Jacob D. Morrison....	30	12	2	1	3	15 00
	8..	Loretta S. Currier....	David Bean.....	14	12	6	4	2	22 00
	9..	Nellie M. White.....	Joseph Webster.....	16	13	...	2	...	16 00
	10..	†	Isaac Jones.....	...	...	...	...	...	...

* Succeeded, and with equal efficiency, by Timothy H. Danforth, Esq.

† No school.

